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SUBJECT: SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES TALKS

REFS A. PRAGUE 2792, B. STATE 241425

1. AT SEPTEMBER 23 MEETING CZECHOSLOVAKS OBJECTED TO OUR INCLUSION OF "HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES" IN LEAD PARAGRAPH OF SECTION ON CULTURAL EXCHANGE. THEY CLAIMED IT EMPHASIZED UNDULY THE "PHILOSOPHICAL" SIDE OF EDUCATION TO THE DETRIMENT OF OTHER--THEY IMPLIED SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL--FIELDS (REF A, PARA 7). DEPARTMENT HAS CONCURRED IN OUR BELIEF THAT WE SHOULD RETAIN THIS SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO "HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES" FOR PROPER BALANCE, BUT WE WISH TO PROPOSE POSSIBLE WAY TO KEEP THIS FROM BEING ANOTHER MAJOR STICKING POINT.

2. NOW THAT SPORTS--AT CZECHOSLOVAK INSISTENCE--HAS BEEN PUT INTO A SEPARATE ARTICLE OF ITS OWN (REF B, PARA 5), WE THINK THAT LEAD PARAGRAPH OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL SECTION CAN BE TIGHTENED UP TO EXCLUDE SPORTS AND OTHER NON-CULTURAL/ EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES. ACCORDINGLY WE SUGGEST THAT THIS LEAD PARAGRAPH BE AMENDED TO READ:

QUOTE: THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION IN THE ARTS, CULTURE, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION, EDUCATION, THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND OTHER
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FIELDS OF INTELLECTUAL ENDEAVOR, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT,

BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AND FACILITATING APPROPRIATE
CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS
OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE.

FYI, WE HAVE BORROWED THIS LANGUAGE FROM THE BULGARIAN
DRAFT OF AUGUST 20, END FYI. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO IMPROVE
TEXT FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW. AT THE SAME TIME, "OTHER
FIELDS OF INTELLECTUAL ENDEAVOR" SHOULD BE BROAD ENOUGH TO
MEET GOC INTEREST IN ACCESS TO ADACEMIC S AND T. REQUEST
DEPARTMENT APPROVAL FOR THIS AMENDMENT.
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